

THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

NEW YORK. Dec. 20.—Bar silver, \$56.
Copper—Dull; firm; lake December, \$14.10.

Lead—Quiet; steady; domed, \$1.10.
The apathy of speculators was to-day illustrated by limited fluctuations. In stocks of the regular list, a great majority of which were traded in over a range of not more than one-half cent. The market opened strong and Missouri Pacific led the market in both activity and strength, but later the improvement was all lost. In the afternoon, sugar was attacked and dropped 2 per cent, before the movement came to a halt. Later in the afternoon, when rates on call reach 2 per cent., traders became bearish, resulting in the shading off of prices all over the list, though declines were on the same limited scale as early advances. The close was dull and rather heavy with sugar at but a shade better than the lowest price of the day. Shadettes and firm.

Petroleum opened strong, \$1.04, and after a slight dip, closed it down to \$1.03. A slight improvement occurred and the market closed steady at \$1.03.

Government bonds, 4s, 12½%; 4½%, 10½%; North.

Iron Pigs—Preferred, 7½%; Oregon Improvement, 4½%; Continental, 3½%; Union Pacific, 6½%.

Money on call easy, 6 to 8. Prime mercantile paper, 5 to 6. Stock exchange, quiet; quiet; steady; 12½% to 14%.

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Short ribs—Steady; Jan., \$4.75; May, \$4.95.

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